

## TERM 1

## WEEK 4: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night 6.30pm St. Paul's School
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February:	School Assembly MGR – 2.30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	Class Prayer Service JRC, JTH & JMC – 10.00am, School Assembly MEM – 2.30pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March:	Sacrament of Penance 6.30pm St. Paul's Church – Year 3 Students
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Assembly <b>SCC</b> – 2.30pm <b>(Please note new Class)</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> :	NAPLAN
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class Prayer Service JLH, JEF & JKL – 10.00am, School Assembly JRC – 2.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Class Reconciliation MGR, MET & MAM – 10.00am, School Assembly JTH – 2.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm, End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April:	School Photos – More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

I ask you to keep in your prayers Mrs Samantha Clarke as her Grandmother passed away recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to Samantha and her family at this sad time.

Thanks to Mr Turner for organising the latest podcast to discuss 'Safe Internet Day'. It was great to have Anthony and Aiden discussing some of the topics relating to using the internet safely. A reminder to all families to monitor what your children are doing on the internet – your children should not be using any devices alone, for example, in their bedrooms – they should be using the devices and internet in a family space where you can check the apps they are using.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night that will be held at St. Paul's School tomorrow night, Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, commencing at 6.30pm. Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and at least one parent, are to attend. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm at St. Paul's Church.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April this year. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

There will be no school for children on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> as staff will be further developing their knowledge of the ways children think and practising these thinking strategies in the classroom. There will be no school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

All children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento  
PRINCIPAL

## **2025 PREP ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments for Prep 2025 are now open. We encourage any parents/carers who have not enrolled their child for Prep in 2025 to do so. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form or go to [www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) and download a form. There will be several information sessions for 2025 Prep Parents/Carers. The first session will be held this Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at 9.15am. Please let any interested people know of this date. Please ask them to contact the office to advise if they will be attending the session.

## **SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024**

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2024 are:

<b>Sacrament of Penance Family Night (Year 3)</b>	Tuesday, February 20 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)</b>	Wednesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)</b>	Tuesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm - St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)</b>	Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church

Please note that St Paul's School will not be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024.

## **FEES/LEVIES**

Your child's levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. You can pay your school fees and levies with a credit card or by direct debit from a nominated bank account or from your Centrelink payments. If you would like this to happen, please come to the office to collect a form.

## **CANTEEN**

You can now use cash as well as CDFPay to pay for lunch orders – scan this QR Code to access CDFPay. Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen, especially FRIDAYS (12pm – 1.30pm) to put lunches into the baskets. We would be very grateful to have your assistance even if it can be for only a couple of hours any day during the week. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.



## **MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES**

A reminder to families that students must hand all mobile phones and smart watches into the school office before school in the morning and collect them at the end of the day. These devices, especially smart watches, can be very distracting to students and are not necessary during school hours. They are also very expensive to replace should they be lost or damaged at school. We ask for your support in this matter.

### **ST PAUL'S PARENT SESSION**

At St. Paul's, the teachers will be working with Michael Griffin to further develop their skills in evidence based factors that lead to successful learning. We will also be running a parent session to support parents to enhance the learning capacity of their children. The topics covered will include providing a stimulating home environment, device regulation, sleep routines, homework and achievement expectation, and a host of other factors that powerfully underpin learning. The session will run for 60 minutes and begin at 5:30pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. For those unable to join us at school the event will also be live streamed. Please follow the link below for live stream access.

<https://www.thefinalcut.com.au/stpaulsparentsession.html>

### **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS**

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle will be sent home next week. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please donate Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)**

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund is Government Funding to assist families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. Centrelink health care card holders and Pensioner Concession card holders may be eligible for a payment of \$150. If you think you qualify for the CSEF, please contact the office for a form. Please complete and return the CSEF form to school, along with a copy of your Centrelink Card as soon as possible. **The CSEF program for 2024 closes on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **SWIMMING**

If you have a child who is a member of a swimming squad you may wish to nominate them for the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Sports on Thursday March 7 at Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre, 563a Pascoe Vale Rd, Pascoe Vale. Your child is able to nominate for two individual events. You will need to be able to transport your child to and from the event.

#### **FOOTBALL**

Registration to trial for SSV 12 Years and Under 'Team Vic' boys and girls Australian Football, mixed Netball, boys and girls Soccer, boys and girls Basketball and Hockey is done through an online process managed by School Sport Victoria. The online Registration process is at [www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic).

Team Vic 12 Boys and Girls Cricket also follows this process. Follow this

link <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/cricket.aspx> to find all of the information and the RED buttons when you are ready to go ahead and register. Students and families must consult with their Principal to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level.

It is imperative that teachers decide on a child's capability of representing their school at a state level trial. Registration for a Division trial incurs a NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee.

Confirmation to attend a trial will occur before the end of Term 1, 2024. Once registered, the parent will receive an email confirming payment and a form which will require the Principal's signature.

**For more information please see Mr Chris.**

## ST PAUL'S PODCAST – Safer Internet Day Episode

We are excited to announce that we have recorded our 7<sup>th</sup> podcast. This was a special episode to mark Safer Internet Day, which was in the first week of February. Safer Internet Day is a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues.

Our co-hosts, Anthony and Aiden discussed a range of topics such as gaming, screen time, social media, and cyberbullying. They spoke so well and we hope our listeners find our discussion interesting and helpful.

Please scan the QR code to listen to this episode.



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2026 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2024:** Applications close for 2026 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 students

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2024:** Offers posted to prospective 2026 Year 7 applicants

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2024:** Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

### CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

- Contact the office:** Call 9363 1568, select 1 and then advise that your child is absent on this day. Please include your name, the child's name, the class, the date and the reason for the absence.
- Via Audiri App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'Forms'.
- Email:** Send an email to [office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
- Written Note:** A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent. If he/she is going on an extended holiday, a written note must be provided.

# Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School February Newsletter



Dear Parents and Families

Welcome to the 2024 school year! We are looking forward to launching our exciting new initiative – Big Art Fridays! This will be beginning on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, so please keep your eye out for further information.

If you wish to come and take a look at our service, please come in Before School Care as our Educators will have time to discuss the program and help you with any question you may have relating to the service. Our Educators are on site between 7:00am – 9:00am each morning, so please pop by or give us a call!

If you register your child for the service and they have any medical needs (ADHD, ASD, Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies etc.) all Medical Management Plan documents and your child's medication need to be completed and provided prior to your child attending their first session. This is to ensure your child's safety, we will be unable to accept your child into care if their Medical Management Plans or their Medications are expired.

If your child/children will be attending the After school Care program please ensure they know to come as it's very important for children to arrive safely at the service. If your child/children has a booking and will not be attending due to a change in circumstances, please inform the Coordinator on 0401362738. This can be done via phone call, or text message. If your circumstances do change, please ensure you also make the school aware.

Prep 2024 Students! Each year, we follow a prep process to ensure continuity between our routines and the school. In Before School Care, our educators will help transition preps by taking them to their prep line or classroom. In After School Care, our educators will collect preps from their classroom line or the classroom, then bring them straight to our OSHC room.

We hope to see you soon!

Kind Regards Kylie, Irije & Alannah & Alice

### Exciting February Activities!

Hama Beads, Lego Creations, Gardening, Art and Craft, Outdoor Games and more!

### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

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### 2024 Sacramental Program: Reconciliation and Eucharist – Non Year Three students

If your child is in Years Four, Five and Six, is baptised in the Catholic faith and has not received the following Sacraments, please complete the form below and return it to the school office. Any questions, do not hesitate to ask for Lisa Peplow in the school office.

**Please Note:** Children need to receive Penance and Eucharist in order to receive Confirmation in 2025

Name of Child ..... Class .....

My child is baptised and is **ELIGIBLE** to receive the Sacraments of (please **TICK**)

Reconciliation (Penance) - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6:30pm St. Paul's Church  
Eucharist - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 6:30pm St. Paul's Church

  

Parents Name .....

Signature .....

*The St Paul's Community acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we teach, learn and pray. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait people have to Country and pay our respects to Elders, past and present as we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*

